

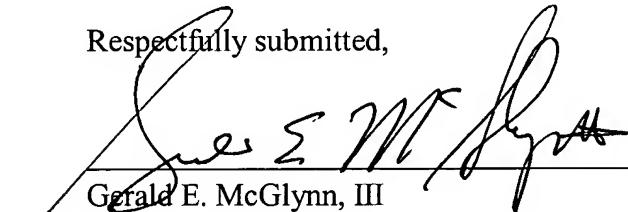
REMARKS

The present application was filed on January 8, 2004 including claims 1 – 6. Claims 7 and 8 have been added by this preliminary amendment. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1 – 8 are presently pending in the application.

Claims 1 – 6 were amended to better define the invention. Claims 3 – 6 were also amended to correct the numbering thereof.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims clearly distinguish over the prior art and are therefore allowable. Accordingly, applicants respectfully solicit the consideration and early allowance of the claims pending in this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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